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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), is a Continuation application of PCT International Application No. PCT/FR02/01201 filed on April 5, 2002. The present application is filed on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.41(c).

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**For: INSTALLATION FOR CONTINUOUSLY TREATING SAMPLES, BY
SEPARATION ON A STATIONERY PHASE, UNDER FORCED FLOW**

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of Twenty-six (26) pages
- ☒ Two (2) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- ☐ An assignment of the invention
- ☐ Applicant does not claim priority
- ☒ Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

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based on Application No(s). 01/04745 filed in FRANCE on April 6, 2001.

- ☐ Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
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- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement w/PTO-1449 and reference(s)
☒ Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow
☒ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
☒ Preliminary Amendment
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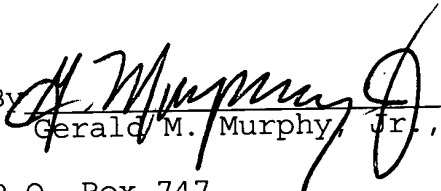
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